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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM UKRAINIAN REGIONS PARTY  
LEADER (AND FORMER PM) VIKTOR YANUKOVYCH

**¶1.** (U) Below is text of congratulatory letter addressed to  
President-elect Obama from Ukrainian Regions Party Leader  
(and former PM) Viktor Yanukovych:

(Begin text)

Dear Senator Obama:

Accept my sincerest congratulations in connection with your  
convincing victory at the Presidential Elections in the  
United States of America.

The results of the people's will is the proof of high trust  
that the American people expressed to you personally and to  
the course, chosen by you and aimed to carry out imminent in  
society basic changes. Just the acknowledgment by the  
American people of the necessity to introduce systemic  
changes has become a token of your success as the personality  
capable to implement the challenging tasks.

I am convinced that your being in the high office will  
promote, also the deepening of strategic partnership between  
our countries, further development of practical mutually  
beneficial cooperation between Ukrainian and American peoples  
in all spheres.

I wish you, dear Mr. Obama, successes in your responsible  
state activity and new achievements for the benefit of  
friendly American people.

Sincerely,

Viktor Yanukovych  
Leader of the Regions Party

(End text)

**¶2.** Original letter has been forwarded via diplomatic pouch.

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